been received. However, under an Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol between India and Bangladesh, cargo vessels of one country already ply in the other country on the designated routes for transit and trade.

Signal Towers installed by BSNL in Goa

*309. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of signal towers installed by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Goa till date;

(b) the additional towers proposed;

(c) the names of towns and villages where the additional towers are proposed;

(d) whether BSNL has met with opposition of members of public for erection of such towers;

(e) the areas in which BSNL met with opposition;

(f) the grounds advanced by the members of public and response of the Ministry to the same; and

(g) the details as regard the efforts made by BSNL to educate members of public in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has set up 107 Nos. of Mobile Towers in Goa as on date.

(b) and (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has proposed to install 120 Nos. of Mobile towers in Goa. The details of towns and villages for the additional towers is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Yes. Sir. BSNL has met with opposition of members of public for erection of such towers in the areas as under:—

District	Name of Site
North Goa	Nadora, Suna, Tambextem, Cuncorim, Chorao, Candolim, St. Inez, Saligao & Aldona
South Goa	Panchvadi, Xeldem, Curtorim, Benaulim & Sada

(f) On health grounds. A letter has been obtained from Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Goa mentioning that low radiations are not health hazardous and submitted to the concerned.

(g) The efforts made by BSNL to educate members of public in this regard as under:—

(i) Attended Gramsabha meetings conducted by village Panchayat and explained clearly how mobile towers radiation are harmless to human beings.

(ii) Publishing in the newspaper about the latest study of science on effect of towers on human beings.

(iii) Details of places where public is opposing for erection of mobile towers is submitted to Chief Secretary, Government of Goa and also to Director of Panchayats.

(iv) Request made to Chief Minister of Goa, once in the month of December, 2007 and again in Feb., 2008 to direct the concerned Departments to issue NoC for erection of BSNL Towers.

Statement

Details of names of towns and villages where additional towers are proposed

Sl. No.	Name of the Site	Sl. No.	Name of the Site	Sl. No.	Name of the Site
1	2	1	2	1	2
1	Benalium	41	Saligaon	81	Collem
2	Cortalin	42	Baga	82	Adnem
3	Cuncolim Ind. Estt.	43	Kamral Ghat	83	Ambaulim (Ambavali)
4	Madgao-M.I.E	44	Morjim	84	Barcem
5	Verna M/W	45	ONGC (Canaginium)	85	Bhatpal
6	Assanora	46	Soccoro	86	Cotigao
7	Assgao	47	Thivim Exch.	87	Fatorpa
8	Chorao	48	Priyol	88	Morpirla
9	Corjuem	49	Gaodongari	89	Assolna
10	Keri(Palyem)	50	Calangute 1	90	Carmona (Karmane)
11	Mapusa-Karaswada	51	Calangute 2	91	Codil
12	Mardol	52	Madgao 1	92	Dicarpale
13	Mayem	53	Madgao 2	93	Guirdolim
14	Quela	54	Madgao 3	94	Mulem
15	Talpona	55	Madgao 4	95	Nagoa(Nagowa)
16	Haturlim	56	Mapusa 1	96	Quelossim (Kelosim)
17	Honda	57	Mapusa 2	97	Sarzora
18	Pale	58	Panjim 1	98	Talaulim (Talavali)
19	Dharbandora	59	Panjim 2	99	Utorda
20	Bicholim-ITI	60	Ponda 1	100	Alrona (Aloma)
21	Cabo de Rama	61	Ponda 2	101	Arpora
22	Calem Rly. stn.	62	Ponda 3	102	Bastora
23	Cargao	63	Porvorim 1	103	Cansarvornem (Kasarvarne)
24	Corla	64	Porvorim 2	104	Carambolim
25	Merces Exch.	65	Vasco 1	105	Cumbarjua(Jua)
26	Near Panaji Residency	66	Vasco 2	106	Curca
27	St Inez	67	Agarvaddo	107	Ella
28	Comba	68	Aldona	108	Ibrampur
29	Gogol Housing Board	69	Camurlim	109	Nerul
30	Cowgule College	70	Nadora	110	Oxel(Oshal)
31	Raia	71	Sal	111	Siridao
32	Navelim	72	Soccoro	112	Torxem (Torse)
33	Goa Shipyard	73	Tamboxen	113	Cudnem (Kudna)
33	BITS Pilani	74	Bandora	114	Gawane
35	Duler	75	Panchvadi	115	Khandepar
36	Uccasaim exch.	76	Poira	116	Maulinguem North
37	Dhavali	77	Priyol/Xeldem	117	Morlem (Morle)
38	Ponda Market	78	Queula/Pomburpa	118	Sarvone (Sarvan)
39	Sangolda	79	Surla	119	Vantem (Vante)
40	Candolim Exch.	80	Talpona/Farmagudi	120	Piliem